

**SUNDAY, April 12: College Care Package:** As Davin and Kai finish up their college year, consider sending a little encouragement their way. You're invited to write a note and/or contribute a small gift such as snack foods, cereal, or chocolate (*school supplies are not needed*). Please place items in the boxes on the table at the front of the sanctuary by Sunday, April 12.

**MONDAY, April 13: Leadership Team Meeting,** 5 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, April 15: Women's Dinner** at Panera Bread in Ephrata (**NOTE NEW LOCATION**): 839 E. Main Street, 6 p.m. (Garden Spot Village is not available on this date).

**SUNDAY, April 19: Campership Applications** due. Contact Pastor Dawn if you would like to apply for a camp scholarship for Summer 2026. Camperships will be awarded by the end of May. Each child who receives a campership is asked to do 5 hours of community service with the church.

**TUESDAY, April 21: ICE Preparation Meeting,** 6:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, April 24: Book Club:** 7:00 p.m. at Brenda & Ray Hurst's home. Brenda leading the discussion. *Theo of Golden*, Theo visits the local coffeehouse, where ninety-two pencil portraits hang on the walls, portraits of the people of Golden done by a local artist. He begins purchasing them, one at a time, and putting them back in the hands of their "rightful owners." With each exchange, a story is told, a friendship born, and a life altered.

**THURSDAY, May 7: Men's Dinner** at Garden Spot Village Concord Room: Room is reserved from 5:30-8:00. Food is available to purchase until 6:30 p.m.

**Land Acknowledgment:** We acknowledge, with humility, that the land where we sit and stand today is land that was home to the Susquehannock, Shawnee, and Lenape people. Let us be aware that we occupy their homeland, and that their presence is imbued in this land.

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# New Holland Mennonite Church

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Fellowship: 8:30 a.m. • Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.

## Dwelling in

# DISSONANCE

## Complicity & Innocence

**Focus Statement:** This week, our attention turns to the cast of characters beyond Jesus at his "trial." Notice the roles various people play in this horrible moment. We are faced with our dissonance when we feel powerless, complicit, innocent, or accused.

Here we are.

It is still Lent

and we may wish to skip this part.

**We don't really want to remember the violence  
or hear the horrible cries, "Crucify! Crucify!"**

(We get enough of that from the news.)

**And we really don't want to think  
that we might be among those voices,  
or consider our own complicity  
in such things.**

But it is Lent.

So we are here.

**And we tell the story again,  
trusting that God will meet us in it.**

# Order of Worship

## Gathering & Praising God

*Fill Us with Your Feast (VT 309)* Jenn Esbenshade  
Call to Worship & Prayer Keith Miller  
*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (VT 325)*

## Hearing God's Voice

Conversation with Children Ray Hurst  
Extinguish Candle  
Scripture: John 19:1-16a (*Gospel of John* from Visual Bible International)  
Sermon: "Here is Your King" Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

## Responding

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God (VT 421)*  
Atlantic Coast Conference Assembly Update Bryan Hower  
Prayer of the People Dawn Kaczor  
Announcements

## Sending

*We, Your People, Sing Your Praises (VT 849)*  
Sending Blessing

**Coffee:** Ray Hurst; **Greeter:** Brenda Hurst; **Sound:** Bryan Hower  
**Nursery:** Ruth Douglas Miller; **Close:** Tim Martin  
**Offering:** Sue Martin & Lois Zimmerman

### **March 15: Attendance and Offering**

**Attendance:** 43 (6 Zoom) • **Offering:** \$1,900.00

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**March 27:** Martha Hoover; **March 28:** Eleanor Good  
**March 29:** Dawn Ranck-Hower

### **NEXT SUNDAY: March 29**

**Coffee:** Ashly Escalante; **Greeter:** Lois Zimmerman  
**Worship Lead:** Sue Martin; **Song Leader:** Jenn Esbenshade  
**Sermon:** Randy Keener; **Prayer:** Ruth Douglas Miller  
**Children:** Steven Lantz; **Sound:** Seth Lantz  
**Nursery:** Lois Zimmerman; **Close:** Mike Bortzel  
**Offering:** Francy Bailey and Wanda Gonzalez Bortzel

## **UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated

**Pastor Dawn and Bryan** will be on vacation from **March 26-29**. Contact Ruth Douglas Miller with pastoral care concerns.

**My Coins Count!** Before church each Sunday in March, children are collecting coins (or dollars) for Mennonite Central Committee's "My Coins Count." Each year, spare change collected by children, families and churches adds up to more than \$600,000 toward MCC's work around the world.

**Thank You** to Deb Hatfield for volunteering to keep the Kids Craft/Game/Puzzle table organized between Sundays.

**MONDAY, March 23: CrossNet Meal:** 5:30 p.m. RSVP to Pastor Dawn if you want to reserve a seat at the ELC/Church tables.

**SUNDAY, March 29: Intergenerational Sunday School:** Sign up in weekly email update to bring items to fill Easter Eggs or treats for the ELC staff.

**THURSDAY, April 3: Maundy Thursday Meal & Service (For all-ages. Children encouraged to attend.)** 6:30 p.m.

"The air felt heavy and expectant, as if the room were holding its breath. Jesus sat at the table with his friends, chatting quietly in the glow of the candles ..." So begins the story we will hear as we gather around a table with our friends to hear the story of Jesus from the table gathering until his death on the cross and burial. **Our bodies will move with the story in this interactive service.** Sign Up link in weekly email next week.

**SUNDAY, April 5: Easter Worship Service:** 10 a.m. No Sunday School. You are invited to bring potted Easter flowers to place around the cross. **Flowering the Cross:** Like Mary in the garden, we come in grief and encounter new life as Jesus calls us by name—transforming the cross into a sign of resurrection. Each person is invited to bring a flower with a short stem (4–6 inches) to place on the cross. Flowers will also be available.

**SUNDAY, April 12: Long-Term Planning and Sustainability,** 9 a.m. Colin Saxton will be with us in person to lead this meeting and bring the morning sermon.